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Watchtowers

1. A watchtower 45 meters high has been erected at marker 591 about 1,200 meters northwest of the Austrian customs house at Schlag (N48 57' E15 01') in the Gmuend district.

2. A 10-20 meter high watchtower has been erected 450 meters northeast of the church at Reichers (N48 57' E15 13') and 500 meters away from the border opposite Waidhofen an der Thaya (N48 49' E15 18').

3. On 8 November 1952, a storm blew down the watchtower at marker 557 opposite Waldkirchen (N48 56' E15 21').

4. A watchtower has been erected on the bridge between Gmuend (N48 46' E13 59') and Ceske Velenice (N48 46' E14 57'). This watchtower is equipped with floodlights which illuminate the barbed wire entanglement as far as Wielands (N48 46 E14 56') and Gmuend-Boehmzeile (N48 47' E13 59').

Barbed Wire Entanglements

5. In the district of Gmuend:

a. From the Ceske-Velenice cemetery in a northwesterly direction, a barbed wire entanglement extends for 200 meters at a distance of about 20 meters from the border.

b. A barbed wire entanglement, 120 meters long and 5 meters from the border, runs from the customs house in Ceske-Velenice in a northerly direction.

c. A barbed wire entanglement is located on the east side of the Svobodny lake southeast of Litschau (N 48 56' E 15 02'). It is 650 meters long and runs 30-35 meters away from the border.

d. In the Litschauer Herrschaftswald, along the north tributary of the Stankauer pond (N49 01' E15 01'), a barbed wire entanglement 1,000 meters long and 20-40 meters from the border has been set up.

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6. In the district of Waidhofen / Thaya:

A barbed wire entanglement, 50 meters long and 30 meters away from the border, has been set up 5 kilometers west of Klein Taxen (N48 57° E16 15°).

7. In the district of Hollabrunn:

A barbed wire entanglement, 400 meters long and 2 50 meters away from the border, extends in a westerly direction beginning at a point 1,100 meters west of the Mitter-Retzbach (N48 47° E15 59°)- Gnadlersdorf (N48 48° E15 59°) main highway.

8. In the district of Mistelbach:

a. A barbed wire entanglement has been set up north of the Stuttenhof (stud farm) north-northeast of Ottenthal (N48 46° E17 15°). It is 600 meters long and about 30-50 meters from the border.

b. A barbed wire entanglement 400 meters long runs east from Drasenhofen (N48 45° E17 .°) at 20-30 meters from the border.

c. 250 meters west of the Schrattenberg (N48 44° E16 43°)-Feldsberg (N48 45° E16 45°) road, a barbed wire entanglement extends in a westerly direction for 1,200 meters at 30-60 meters from the border.

9. In the Kirchenwald, which is located in the border area of the Thaya river, a barbed wire entanglement runs in a south esterly direction. It is visible f about 100 meters and is about 500 meters from the border.

10. tro-Czech border near Breclav (Lundenburg) has been closed off with a barbed wire entanglement which extends to the Breclav -Hohenau (N48 37° E16 54°)-Vienna railroad line. This entanglement extends over the railroad embankment, leaving only a small opening for the train to pass through. The railroad tracks are locked with concrete-iron blocks, and each train must stop at this barrier until the soldiers remove it. Only then may the Czech railroad men give the signal to continue on.

Bunkers

11. Approximately 300 meters north of the Gerstenfeld (N48 45° E15 08°) customs house, two wooden bunkers made of round logs were erected. They rise 1.5 meters above the ground surface and are covered with earth. The house next to the custom house has been torn down.

12. Southwest of the customs house at Neu hle (N49 01° E15 01°) an earthbunker was erected on each side of the Neumuehle-Boehm. Bernschlag (N49 02° E15 03°) road.

13. One earthbunker 150 meters east of the Czech customs house at Zlabings (N 49 00' E15 21°) and one 150 meters west of the customs house have been erected. They are about 400 meters from the border.

14. Four concrete bunkers along the Thaya opposite Nieder-Fladnitz (N48 48° E18 35°) have been reconditioned. They are about 400 meters from the border.

15. There are two wooden bunkers located 300 meters north of the Gerstenfeld (N48 45° E15 08°).

Other Constructions

16. In the border districts of the Waldviertel, an Austro-Czech work-team has been thinning out a strip one kilometer wide for borderline marking.

17. On the northwest side of the Czech ustoms house at Neumuehle, five dog kennels with covered runs have been erected. The customs house is manned with about 40 patrolmen who are occasionally accompanied by dogs.

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